

Listing of Claims

1 1. (Currently Amended) In an apparatus including a display, a method of
2 operation comprising:
3 ~~displaying-rendering~~ first execution results of first one or more applications
4 ~~on~~ a ~~first~~ front surface of a metaphoric desktop having the front surface and a
5 back surface, the ~~first~~ front surface being a current visible surface of the metaphoric
6 desktop resulting in the first execution results being visible;
7 ~~morphing the metaphoric desktop from the first face to a second face of the~~
8 ~~metaphoric desktop, with the second face becoming the current visible face; and~~
9 ~~displaying-rendering~~ second execution results of second one or more
10 applications ~~on the second~~ back surface of the metaphoric desktop; and
11 morphing the current visible surface of the metaphoric desktop from the front
12 surface to the back surface of the metaphoric desktop to make visible the second
13 execution results.

1 2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said second one or
2 more applications are on-line applications, and the method further comprises
3 monitoring for the apparatus being connected on-line.

1 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing
2 comprises morphing from said ~~first~~ front surface of the metaphoric desktop to the
3 ~~second~~ back surface of the metaphoric desktop in response to detection of a
4 predetermined event.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing
2 comprises animating a 180 degree rotation of the front and back surfaces of the
3 metaphoric desktop over an axis selected from a group consisting of a diagonal
4 axis, a vertical axis and a horizontal axis.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing
2 comprises animating a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of
3 the front and back surfaces of metaphoric desktop over a selected one of a plurality
4 of corresponding vertical axes and a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.

1 6. (Cancelled, without prejudice) ~~The method of claim 1, wherein said first and~~
2 ~~second faces are front and back faces of the metaphoric desktop.~~

1 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein
2 said displaying-rendering of first execution results of the first one or more
3 applications in a first front surface of a metaphoric desktop comprises storing
4 pictorial representations of said first execution results of the first one or more
5 applications into a standard display screen buffer by a graphics service; and
6 said displaying-rendering of second execution results of the second one or
7 more applications in a ~~second~~ back surface of the metaphoric desktop comprises
8 redirecting said graphics service to store pictorial representations of said first
9 execution results of said first one or more applications to an alternate display screen
10 buffer, and storing pictorial representations of said second execution results of said
11 second one or more applications into said standard display screen buffer.

1 8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein
2 said second one or more applications are on-line applications; and

3 said redirecting of said graphics service to store pictorial representations of
4 said first execution results of said first one or more applications to an alternate
5 display screen buffer, and subsequent storing of pictorial representations of said
6 second execution results of said second one or more applications into said standard
7 display screen buffer, are initially performed in response to said apparatus being
8 connected on-line.

1 9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the method further
2 comprises resuming said storing of pictorial representations of said first execution
3 results of said first one or more applications to said standard display screen buffer
4 by said graphics service.

1 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein said resumption is
2 performed in response to a user request to return to said ~~first~~ front surface of said
3 metaphoric desktop.

1 11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising
2 storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming instructions
3 designed to render display first execution results of first one or more applications ~~on~~
4 a ~~first~~ front surface of a metaphoric desktop having the front surface and a back
5 surface, the ~~first~~ front surface being a current visible surface of the metaphoric
6 desktop, ~~morph the metaphoric desktop from the first face to a second face of the~~
7 ~~metaphoric desktop, with the second face becoming the current visible face, and~~
8 display render second execution results of a second one or more applications ~~on~~
9 the ~~second~~ back surface of the metaphoric desktop, and morph the current visible
10 surface of the metaphoric desktop from the front surface to the back surface to
11 make the second execution results visible; and

12 a processor coupled to the storage medium to execute the programming
13 instructions.

1 12. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said second one
2 or more applications are on-line applications, and the programming instructions are
3 further designed to monitor for the apparatus being connected on-line.

1 13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming
2 instructions are further designed to morph from said ~~first~~ front surface of the
3 metaphoric desktop to the ~~second~~ back surface of the metaphoric desktop in
4 response to detection of a predetermined event.

1 14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming
2 instructions are designed to effectuate said morphing by animating a 180 degree
3 rotation of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over an axis
4 selected a group consisting of a diagonal axis, a vertical axis and a horizontal axis.

1 15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming
2 instructions are designed to effectuate said morphing by animating a plurality of 180
3 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of the front and back surfaces of the
4 metaphoric desktop over a selected one of a plurality of corresponding vertical axes
5 and a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.

1 16. (Cancelled, without prejudice) ~~The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said first~~
2 ~~and second faces are front and back faces of the metaphoric desktop.~~

1 17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming
2 instructions are designed to effectuate
3 said ~~displaying~~rendering of first execution results of the first one or more
4 applications ~~on a first~~ front surface of a metaphoric desktop by storing pictorial
5 representations of said first execution results into a standard display screen buffer
6 by a graphics service, and
7 said ~~displaying~~rendering of second execution results of the second one or
8 more applications in a ~~second~~back surface of the metaphoric desktop by redirecting
9 said graphics service to store pictorial representations of said first execution results
10 of said first one or more applications to an alternate display screen buffer, and
11 storing pictorial representations of said second execution results of said second one
12 or more applications into said standard display screen buffer.

1 18. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein
2 said second one or more applications are on-line applications; and
3 said programming instructions are designed to initially perform said
4 redirecting of said graphics service to store pictorial representations of said first
5 execution results of said first one or more applications to an alternate display screen
6 buffer, and subsequent storing of pictorial representations of said second execution
7 results of said second one or more applications into said standard display screen
8 buffer, in response to said apparatus being connected on-line.

1 19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the programming
2 instructions are further designed to resume said storing of pictorial representations
3 of said first execution results of said first one or more applications to said standard
4 display screen buffer by said graphics service.

1 20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said programming
2 instructions are designed to perform said resumption in response to a user request
3 to return to said ~~first~~ front surface of said metaphoric desktop.

1 21. (Currently Amended) A graphical user interface comprising:
2 a metaphoric desktop having a ~~first~~ front surface and a ~~second~~ back surface;
3 the ~~first~~ front surface being used to display execution results of a first one or
4 more applications when the ~~first~~ front surface is a current visible surface; and
5 the ~~second~~ back surface being used to display execution results of a second
6 one or more applications, when the metaphoric desktop morphed the current visible
7 surface from the ~~first~~ front surface to the ~~second~~ back surface, with the ~~second~~ back
8 surface becoming the current visible surface.

1 22. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein the
2 metaphoric desktop morphs from the ~~first~~ front surface to the ~~second~~ back surface
3 in response to a predetermined event.

1 23. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein said
2 morphing comprises a 180 degree rotation of the front and back surfaces of the
3 metaphoric desktop over a selected one of a diagonal axis, a vertical axis and a
4 horizontal axis.

1 24. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein said
2 morphing comprises a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of
3 the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over a selected one of a
4 plurality of corresponding vertical axes and a plurality of corresponding horizontal
5 axes.